

EXEMPTIONS & COMPLIANCE DATES

- **QUALIFIED EXEMPT** farms =
 - Sell >\$25,000* in produce sales.**
 - Sell <\$500,000* in total food sales.**
 - Sell >50% of total food sales to Qualified End Users.**
*(*3-year average, adjusted for inflation, using 2011 as the baseline for adjustment.*)*
- **QUALIFIED END USERS** =
 - Individual consumer of the food.
 - Restaurants or retail stores:
 - Within the same state or Tribal reservation as the farm.
 - Within 275 miles of the farm.



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- **QUALIFIED EXEMPT farm REQUIREMENTS:**
 1. **LABELING:**
 - **MUST** include your **farm name** and **complete business address** on any food packaging label normally required by the FD&C Act.
 - **MUST** prominently and conspicuously display your **farm name** and **complete business address** at the point of purchase for foods **NOT** requiring food packaging labels by the FD&C Act.
 2. **RECORDS:**
 - **MUST** keep sales records demonstrating your eligibility for the Qualified Exemption.
 - **MUST** do a written annual review and verification of your Qualified Exempt Status.



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- COMPLIANCE DATES:

COVERED FARM SIZE:	VERY SMALL Produce Sales = \$25,000- \$250,000	SMALL FARMS Produce Sales = \$250,001 - \$500,000	LARGE FARMS Produce Sales = \$500,001 and above
PRODUCE SAFETY RULE	January 27, 2020	January 28, 2019	January 26, 2018
WATER TESTING REQUIREMENTS:	January 26, 2024	January 26, 2023	January 26, 2022
COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS:	Spring 2021	Spring 2020	Spring 2019



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WAYS WE CAN HELP

- MAINE'S BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE:
 - Responsible for implementation of the Produce Safety Rule in Maine.
 - Trained in the Rule and on-farm requirements.
 - Funded and tasked with *helping* farmers get ready for this.
 - Funded and tasked with trying to reach every farm in the state of Maine.
 - Knowledgeable and motivated to empower Maine's farmers be *confident*, not just compliant.
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